

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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SOVEREIGN BANK,
PLAINTIFF

vs.

BOWDITCH BOAT HOLDINGS, LLC;
GOLDENEYE CORPORATION;
SALEM WHALE WATCH&
CRUISE CO. LLC; LAKE CHAMPLAIN
TRANSPORTATION CO.;
ROBERT E. BLAIR JR.;
ROBERT J. SALEM;
AND HENRY LORD

DEFENDANTS

Civil Action No. 05-10668 NMG

**LAKE CHAMPLAIN TRANSPORTION COMPANY'S MOTION TO DISMISS
COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO RULE F. R. CIV. P. 12 (b) AND IN THE
ALTERNATIVE PURSUANT TO F. R. CIV. P. 12 (e) FOR A MORE DEFINITE
STATEMENT.**

Now comes Lake Champlain Transportation Company and by its attorney's moves to dismiss the Complaint pursuant to F. R. Civ. P. Rule 12(b) or request a more definite statement pursuant to F. R. Civ. P. Rule 12(e). As grounds for the motion defendant states the following:

1. Lack of Jurisdiction over the Person

Paragraph #8 of the Complaint (filed on 16 March 2005) states that Lake Champlain is a Vermont corporation with a usual place of business in Burlington, Vermont.

Pursuant to F. R. Civ. P. Rule 12(b) (2), the Complaint must be dismissed because there is no jurisdiction over the person (corporation) in the courts of Massachusetts pursuant to MGL, Ch. 223A (Massachusetts Long Arm Statute).

2. Venue of the Action was Improper In Suffolk Superior Court.

Venue of the case was improper in the Superior Court for Suffolk County Massachusetts. The case may only have been brought in the county in which defendants and plaintiff's assignor is located. (MGL, Ch. 223 (1)). The appropriate venue was Essex County Superior Court. Therefore the matter should be dismissed.

3. Insufficiency of Service of Process.

Defendant further moves that the matter be dismissed pursuant to F. R. Civ. P. 12 (b) (5). Service to defendant in the Superior Court did not comport with M. R. Civ. P. Rule 4(d) (2) and 4(e).

4. Motion For a More Definite Statement.

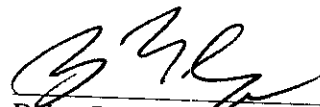
Pursuant to F.R.Civ. P. 12(e), defendant moves for a more definite statement as to the allegations in the Complaint. The Complaint is vague or ambiguous in many respects and it would be unreasonable for defendant to frame a responsive pleading. One of the defects is the discrepancy between the date of the demand of 9 March 2005 (Complaint ; Para.# 56) and the actual date of the "Demand" that was dated 10 March 2005 (Complaint; Ex.N). There is no allegation in the Complaint that defendant received the " Demand" at a time and in a manner that would have allowed defendant a reasonable opportunity respond to plaintiff's "Demand" prior to the commencement of suit. Additionally, there is a further ambiguity in the Complaint because the Verified Complaint states that defendant has failed and refused to respond to the 9 March 2005 "Demand" and continues to do so. (Complaint, Para. # 57).

This court must take into account the following facts and timing. The various demands to the debtor and guarantors were dated 10 March 2005. The verification of the Complaint by Mr. Bokelkamp was also dated 10 March 2005. Further, Bokelkamp signed an Affidavit in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Real Estate Attachments on 10 March 2005, the same that date the "Demand" may have been sent out.

Defendant requests this Honorable Court order that plaintiff provide a more definite statement as to the allegations of the Complaint against defendant.

Undersigned counsel hereby certifies to the court that pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(A)(2) that I have consulted in good faith in regard to this motion to resolve the matter or narrow the issues involved with plaintiff's counsel of record.

Lake Champlain Trans. Co.
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I hereby certify that on this 22 day of April 2005, I served a copy of the foregoing document by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid, to:

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